

DLI hosts open house at Larkin School

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PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, CALIF. Feb. 21, 2006 -- The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center is hosting an open house at the Larkin Elementary School, 190 Seeno St., Feb. 23, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in celebration of the completion of upgrades and renovations and to foster positive community relations as a new neighbor.

"Our lease of the Larkin and Monte Vista Elementary schools is the result of the ongoing spirit of cooperation we share with the City of Monterey, the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and the local community," said DLIFLC Commandant, Col. Tucker B. Mansager.

DLIFLC has seen an increased demand for military linguists and enhanced language proficiency of graduating students to support the Global War on Terror. Larkin School is convenient and suitable for DLIFLC students and teachers because of its proximity to the Presidio of Monterey. The lease of Larkin School will help DLIFLC students achieve higher proficiency levels by providing space to facilitate reduced student to teacher ratios by increasing the number of available classrooms.

Larkin Elementary School has been leased for five years and will be occupied by civilian staff and students of the Presidio of Monterey. The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District will receive approximately \$217,000 per year for the lease of the facility. DLIFLC has invested more than \$1.5 million in renovations, upgrades and Internet/electrical wiring which will be left behind for the school district when the lease expires.

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